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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : STEINBUCHER et al.
SERIAL NO. : 09/750,986
FILED : 28 December 2000
FOR : SYNTHETIC ENZYMES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CONIFERYL ALCOHOL,
CONIFERYLALDEHYDE, FERULIC ACID, VANILLIN AND VANILLIC ACID AND
THEIR USE
ART UNIT : 1652
EXAMINER : Delia Ramirez

1 June 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to consideration of the application on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.